(c) what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. **Their main demand, as reported in** the press, is that Doordarshan should not make its satellite channels available terrestrially.

(c) Government feels that providing terrestrial support to some of these channels in a phased manner would be in the larger interest of the viewers.

Newspaper Bills pending with DADVP

545. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Newspaper bills pending wit the D.A.V.P. as on the 31st October, 1993; and

(b) since when payment of such bills has been pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) A total of 42,863 bills were pending with D. A. V. P. for payment as on 31-10-1993. Out of these bills, 391 bills pertain to the period April, 85 to August, 91; 26,392 bills to the period September, 91 to March, 93 and 16,050 bills to the period April, 93 to October, 93.

रेल गाडियों के संबंध में हिन्दी में प्रसारण

546. **श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दूरदर्शन पर रेलगाडियों के संबंध में हिन्दी में जानकारी दिये जाने संबंधी प्रसारण को बन्द करने के क्या कारण है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार इस परिपाटी को पुनःआरम्भ करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो कब से ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) दूरदर्शन ने हिन्दी में रेलगाड़ी समय सारणी को कभी भी प्रसारित नहीं किया है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Impact of Foreignal elevision

547. DR. ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have arranged any in-depth study of the impact of foreign television channels, on the national's cultural ethos and educational goals;

(b) whether Government are aware of the widespread apprehension in the country concerning the adverse consequences of the telecasts via satellite chanels; and

(c) the measures, if any, Government propose to take to allay such apprehensions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P SINGH DEO): (a) A study on the impact of television on the social historical and intellectual aspects of the Indian people is proposed to be undertaken.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Wile the contents of the programme of foreign television networks do not come within the ambit of the regulations of the Government of India, a number of changes in the programme on Doordarshan's satellite channels have been carried out to provide a wolesome fare of programming that is predominantly

Indian including the including the introduction of a regional languages service in ten regional languages, an increase in the number of fiction based programmes etc.

Reception of the newly introduced Doordarshan Channels

548. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that, the viewers throughout the country, and even in Delhi, are not receiving good reception of the newly introduced channels of Doordarshan and are confused by the numerous types of antennae in the market and they have to depend either on costly dish antenna or on Cable TV operators;

(b) the details or specifications of antennae or dish antennae required for various cities States to receive the new channels without changing antenna direction every time and the details of action taken to notify the specifications from each TV centre State and whether the same has been issued to antennae manufacturers; and

(c) the details of negotiations and agreements made, if any, with the Cable TV Operators in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The necessary details are available at the various Doordarshan Kendras in the country which can be obtained by any individual cable operator. No negotiations are required on this account.

Radio Paging Service of All India Radio

549. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI GOVINDRAO RAMRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) wether it is a fact that the All India Radio contemplate to launch the Radio Paging Service; and

(b) if so, what are the modalities of the working thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The said service would be provided by utilising the existig capacity on the FM transmitters of All India Radio to transmit data signals without affecting the main programme.

Live Telecast and Broadcast of Hero Cup Tournament by Doordarshan

550. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the matches of Hero Cup Tournament have been telecast live on Doordarshan and running commentary of the same has been broadcast by All India Radio; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The initial matches of the said tournament were not covered by All